there is some mal-practice by the agencies, and to avoid this a provision has been made to sanction these pensions on the spot by the Deputy Commissioner or the Tahsildar. Though some old-age pensions were sanctioned about 4 months back on the spot, the amount has not been paid yet ?

SRI S. M. YAHYA —This is one of the socio-economic programmes of this Government. There are so many other programmes also and our officers are also working over-time on these programmes. Since the Assistant Commissioner has to attend to number of other matters we have again decentralised and have given powers to the Tahsildars so that old age pension cases could be expedited, and we feel that in this way we will be able to expedite more and more cases and deserving people are benefited.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—From the reply of the Hon'ble Minister it is clear that as a result of large number of applications having been received by the Department for the grant of old age pensions the administrative machinery is not equal to the task. Further, it appears from his answers that there are a number of cases where the benefit is not going to the deserving persons and other related matters in the grant of old age pensions. What measures do the Government propose to streamline the entire procedure and eliminate delays and hardship t the grantees ?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—To eliminate delays we have already taken certain steps ; decentralization is one of the ways whereby we would like to cut-down the delays. As far as the other question is concerned, this scheme has become a massive scheme and there are cases of mis-use of the scheme, for which the Government is considering seriously to in institutionalise old age pensions. In place like Bangalore and other big cities, we could have homes for old-age people so that persons who are mis-using this scheme would not come and sty in such homes. This scheme is under active consideration by the Government.

Non-filling up of vacant posts at Government Secondary High School at Castle Rock in Supa Taluk.

49 SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is a Government Secondary High school at Castle Rock in Supa Taluk in U. K. District ;

(b) whether Head-master's post is vacant there for the last two years ;

(c) whether a Marathi Pandit teacher, Mathematics teacher and special study teacher post are also vacant for the last two years ;

(d) if so the reason for not filling up these posts ?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Due to non-receipt of list from the Karnataka Public Service Commission.

SRI, there is a small correction to the answer given. In answere told) the ist has now been received from the K.P.S.C.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know when the list was received from the K. P. S. C. ?

† SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—It was received some time back ; I do not have the exact date.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Is it not a fact that for the last 3 years the posts of Head Master, Maratti Pandit, Mathematics Teacher and Special Study teacher are vacant ?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—It has been stated in the answer (c). The post of the Head Master has been filled up and one Sri J. V. Naik has reported for duty on 18th September 1978. About the other 3 teachers, in the list which has been sent by the K.P.S.C., recruitment has not been done mediumwise, and therefore we could not get medium wise teachers. However, we have posted already two teachers on temporary basis.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—When 4 posts were vacant for the last 3 years, is it not a stepmotherly treatment to marati students

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.— I do not know why the hon. member is harbouring on that idea of step-motherly treatment. We do not have any step-motherly treatment against anybody in the state. All are citizens of Karnataka State and we cannot have step-motherly treatment with them. On the other hand, we give special treatment to them. We did not have mediumwise teachers suitable for these posts and therefore we have posted two teachers on deputation and they are working.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—When 4 teachers were not appointed for about 3 years, is it not a step-motherly treatment to the marati theachers not only in Belgaum area but even at Kasaralu which is part of North-Karnataka district ?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—If this was the case only in Belgaum area, the hon. member could have accused. But it is there in other areas also It is on account of dearth of teachers. The K. P. S C. took sufficient time to recruit teachers, and even after sending the list by the KPSC., we find that it was not mediumwise, and that is why the difficulty arose.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—When there is unemployment problem, why the Government is not going to fill up the vacancies? When such is the case, I have to say that it is a step-motherly treatment to marati boys !

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—Sir, I do not know why the hon; member is again and again using the word 'step-motherly treatment' Perhaps he knows only that word. The Government had sent the vacancy report to the KPSC, which took some time in recruiting teachers, and that is why there was delay. The KPSC recruits for the entire State. It is a question of not only Belgaum area, but also other areas as well. So, the question of step-motherly treatment does not arise at all.

Electrification of villages in Bijapur taluk

158 SRI B. B. PATIL (Tikota).—Will the State Minister for Information and Youth Services be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of villages electrified in Bijapur Taluk in Bijapur District ;

(b) the number of villages yet to be electrified in Bijapur Taluk ;

(c) the number of villages that come under REC programme?

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS (Minister of State for Information and Youth Service).—

(a) 69.

(b) 39.

(c) Nil.

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